Amendments to the Title:

Please replace the Title with the following:

~~DEVICE CONTROL METHOD AND PROGRAM RECORDED MEDIUM ON WHICH THE METHOD IS RECORDED~~<u>SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DETERMINING THE CONNECTION STATE OF DEVICES CONNECTED TO A BUS</u>

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 9, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Broadcast out Connection is established between the D-VHS ~~10~~ 100 and a specified channel of the IEEE1394 bus 300. Herein, the specified channel is channel 0 as shown in Fig. 1. On the other hand, Broadcast in Connection is established between channel 0 of the IEEE1394 bus 300 and TV 200.

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 9, line 19, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In this state, an AV signal sent out from the D-VHS 100 is issued to the TV ~~20~~ 200 as isochronous data via a channel 0 of the IEEE1394 bus 300. In the monitor ~~21~~ 210, the AV signal recorded in the VCR 110 is displayed and issued as a picture and a sound.

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 10, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Once the request is made, from the PC via the bus 300, a location of the signal input source giving an input to a destination plug 211 of the monitor ~~21~~ 210 in the TV 200 is inquired in a path 252 shown in Fig. 1 as follows.

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 12, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

By this series of operation, the origin of the video signal issued to the monitor 210 of the TV ~~20~~ 200 at the present is confirmed to be the VCR 110 in the D-VHS 100.